HERE COMES...
DAREDEVIL
THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
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WOW-EEEEE!
JUST WAIT'LL YOU MEET OL' MATT MURDOCK'S SWINGIN'
TWIN BROTHER!
"ENTER: THE LEAP FROG!"

DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"ENTER: THE LEAP-FROG!"
DO YOU LIKE A YARN THAT BEGINS WITH A WALLOP? TRY THIS ONE ON FOR SIZE--
A FIGURE-- LEAPING INTO THE AIR AT MY RIGHT--WITH OTHERS RUNNING AFTER HIM! SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE!
SOMEBODY STOP THAT GUY! HE'S BEEN LEAPING ALL OVER THE PLACE! NONE OF THE PLANES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE OFF!
HOLY COW! LOOK AT THAT JUMP! HE'S PRACTICALLY A HUMAN FROG!
I HEAR THE SOUND OF POWERFUL SPRINGS UNCOILING AS HE LEAPS UPWARD!
IF ONLY I WERE WEARING MY DAREDEVIL COSTUME!
PTANG!
FLIGHT 7
IZZAT ENOUGH TO WHET YOUR APPETITE, FRANTIC ONE? 'CAUSE, IF IT IS--
LET'S GO!
A STAN LEE ★ GENE COLAN EPIC EXTRAVAGANZA!
INKED BY: FRANK GIACOIA
LETTERED BY: ART SIMEK
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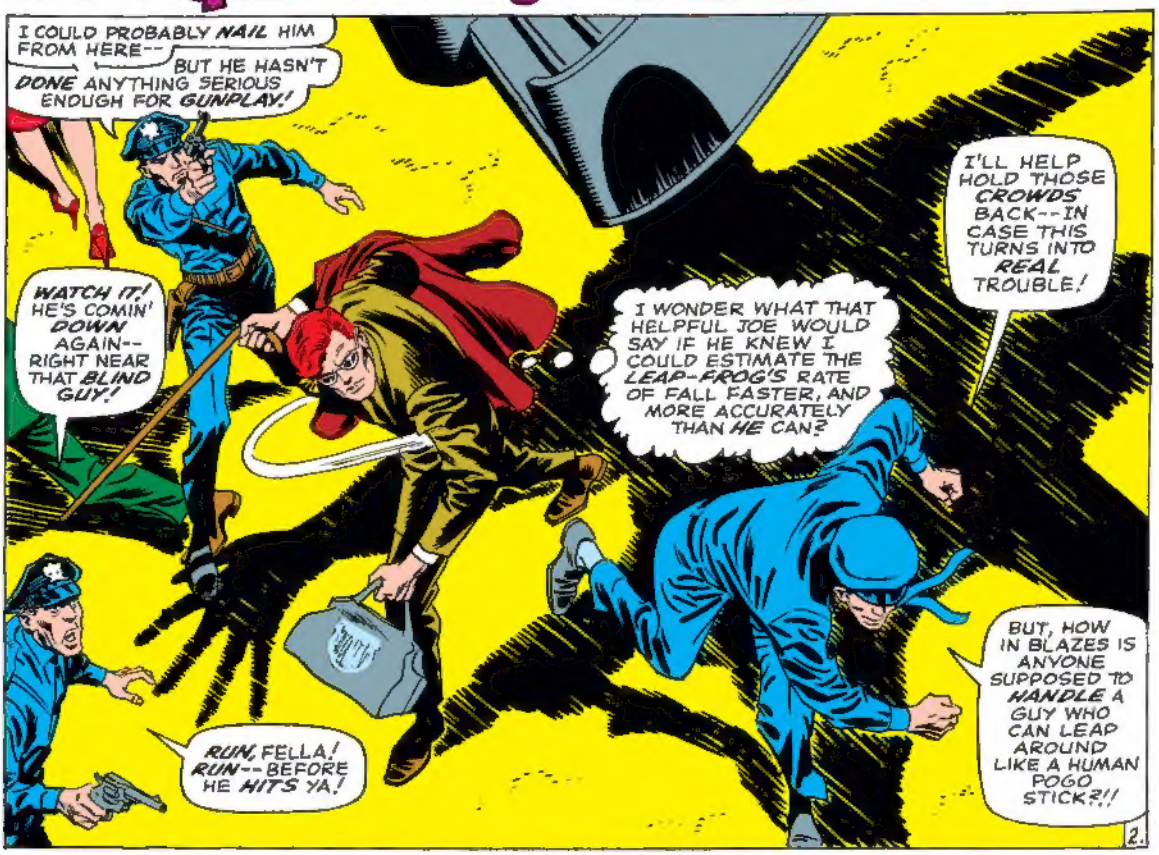
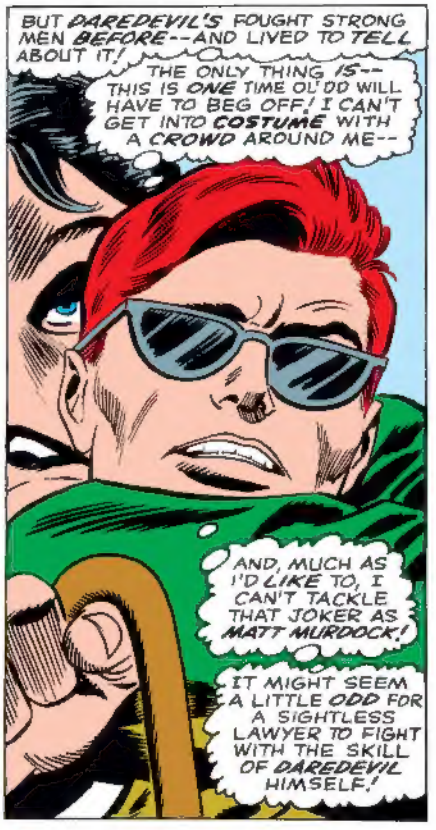
YOU ARE ALL LUCKY THAT MY INTENTIONS ARE NOT HARMFUL--FOR NOW, AT ANY RATE!
I AM MERELY TESTING OUT MY NEW POWER--THE MATCHLESS POWER OF--THE LEAP-FROG!
THE LEAP-FROG! HOW CORNY CAN YOU GET?
SQUANNG!

ALTHOUGH, JUDGING BY THE SOUND OF THAT LEAP--BY THE HEIGHT MY RADAR SENSE TELLS ME HE'S REACHING --HE'S MORE THAN A HARMLESS CORNBALL!
SOME HOME-COMING THIS IS!
FTINNG!


I COULD PROBABLY NAIL HIM FROM HERE--
BUT HE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING SERIOUS ENOUGH FOR GUNPLAY!
WATCH IT! HE'S COMIN' DOWN AGAIN--RIGHT NEAR THAT BLIND GUY!
I'LL HELP HOLD THOSE CROWDS BACK--IN CASE THIS TURNS INTO REAL TROUBLE!
I WONDER WHAT THAT HELPFUL JOE WOULD SAY IF HE KNEW I COULD ESTIMATE THE LEAP-FROG'S RATE OF FALL FASTER, AND MORE ACCURATELY THAN HE CAN?
BUT, HOW IN BLAZES IS ANYONE SUPPOSED TO HANDLE A GUY WHO CAN LEAP AROUND LIKE A HUMAN POGO STICK?!!
RUN, FELLA! RUN--BEFORE HE HITS YA!

JUST RELAX, CHUM--AND YOU WON'T GET HURT!
A GUY GETS TIRED OF JUMPING AROUND--BUT, WITH YOU FOR A HOSTAGE, I OUGHTTA BE ABLE TO TAKE A LITTLE BREATHER NOW!
ONE THING'S FOR SURE--HE'S NO WEAKLING!
THAT ARM OF HIS WOULD MEAN BUSINESS IN ANY KIND OF FIGHT!
THANG!

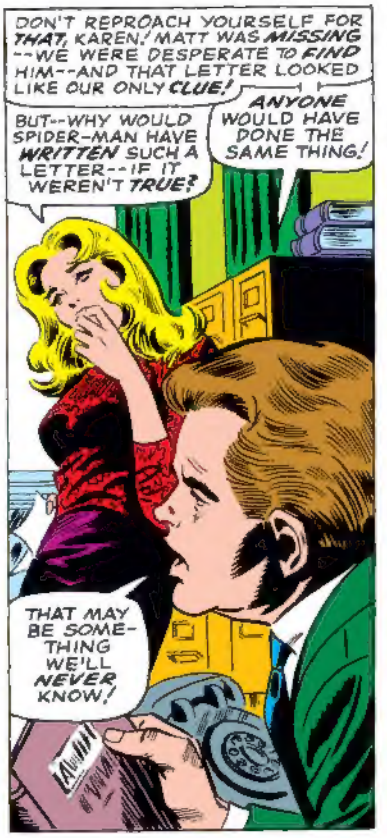

BUT DAREDEVIL'S FOUGHT STRONG MEN BEFORE--AND LIVED TO TELL ABOUT IT!
THE ONLY THING IS--THIS IS ONE TIME OL' DD WILL HAVE TO BEG OFF! I CAN'T GET INTO COSTUME WITH A CROWD AROUND ME--
AND, MUCH AS I'D LIKE TO, I CAN'T TACKLE THAT JOKER AS MATT MURDOCK!
IT MIGHT SEEM A LITTLE ODD FOR A SIGHTLESS LAWYER TO FIGHT WITH THE SKILL OF DAREDEVIL HIMSELF!

THAT HORRIBLE CREATURE SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF HIMSELF--PICKING ON SUCH A POOR, HELPLESS YOUNG MAN!
LET HIM GO, LEAP-FROG! LET HIM GO THIS MINUTE!
LADY, WATCH OUT WITH THAT UMBRELLA, HUH? THIS ISN'T A HELMET I'M WEARIN'!

AH, REST TIME IS OVER!
SO, I RELEASE YOU NOW, MY UNWILLING FRIEND!
MY LITTLE TEST WAS A TOTAL SUCCESS! NOTHING CAN STOP ME!
THE NEXT TIME I STRIKE--IT WILL BE--FOR REAL!
HE'S ESCAPING! AND I CAN'T DO A THING ABOUT IT--NOW!

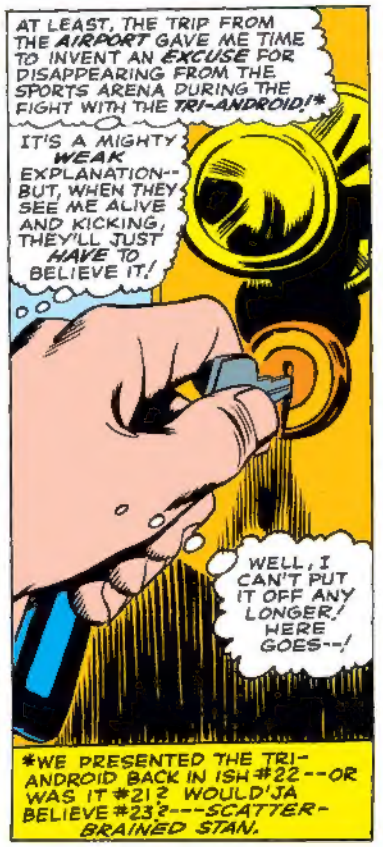
WELL, HE'S NO CONCERN OF MINE--YET!
I'VE A MUCH BIGGER PROBLEM WAITING FOR ME--BACK AT THE OFFICE!
I'VE GOT TO EXPLAIN MY ABSENCE--SOMEHOW!

AND, WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE LAW OFFICE OF NELSON AND MURDOCK--
FOGGY--I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THIS LETTER FROM SPIDER-MAN TO MATT--SAYING THAT HE KNOWS MATT IS REALLY--DAREDEVIL!
THAT WALL-CRAWLER WAS TO BE WRONG!
MATT IS TOTALLY BLIND! IT JUST ISN'T POSSIBLE!
I KNEW WE SHOULDN'T OPEN IT! IT WAS ADDRESSED TO MATT PERSONALLY!


DON'T REPROACH YOURSELF FOR THAT, KAREN! MATT WAS MISSING --WE WERE DESPERATE TO FIND HIM--AND THAT LETTER LOOKED LIKE OUR ONLY CLUE!
ANYONE WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME THING!
BUT--WHY WOULD SPIDER-MAN HAVE WRITTEN SUCH A LETTER--IF IT WEREN'T TRUE?
THAT MAY BE SOMETHING WE'LL NEVER KNOW!

BUT, I WISH THAT MATT REALLY WERE DAREDEVIL!
AT LEAST WE KNOW THAT DAREDEVIL IS ALIVE--SINCE THE NEWSPAPER CARRIED THE REPORT OF HIS ADVENTURE WITH KA-ZAR IN ENGLAND LAST NIGHT!*
STILL, THAT PROVES SPIDER-MAN IS WRONG! WE KNOW THAT MATT DIDN'T LEAVE THE COUNTRY!
OR--DID HE?
YOU SAW IT HERE LAST ISH, DIDN'T YOU? --SNOOPY STAN.

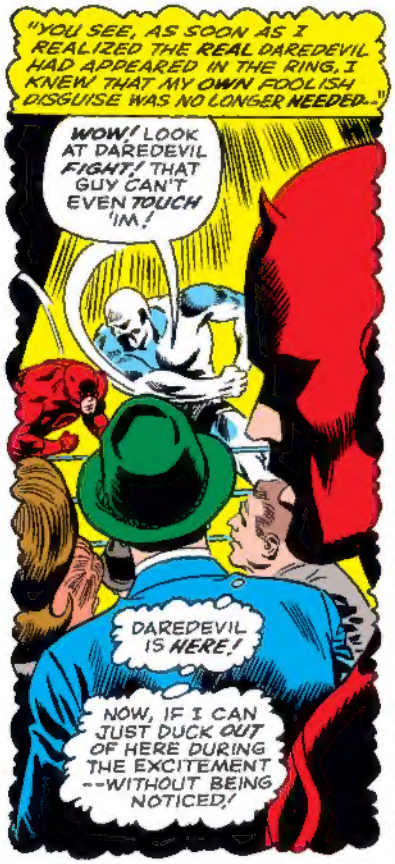
AT THAT MOMENT, EVEN THOUGH KAREN AND FOGGY ARE SPEAKING IN HUSHED TONES BEHIND A HEAVY OAK DOOR--
OH, FOGGY--WHAT IF WE NEVER HEAR FROM MATT AGAIN? WHAT IF--WE NEVER KNOW--
I--JUST DON'T THINK--I COULD BEAR IT--IF--HE'S GONE OUT OF MY LIFE--FOREVER!
KAREN'S VOICE! --ON THE VERGE OF TEARS!
AT A TIME LIKE THIS--I ALMOST WISH I DIDN'T POSSESS AN ULTRA-KEEN SENSE OF HEARING!

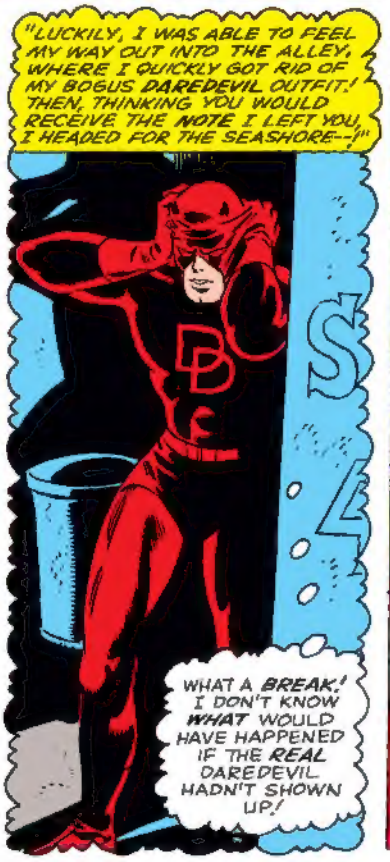

AT LEAST, THE TRIP FROM THE AIRPORT GAVE ME TIME TO INVENT AN EXCUSE FOR DISAPPEARING FROM THE SPORTS ARENA DURING THE FIGHT WITH THE TRI-ANDROID!*
IT'S A MIGHTY WEAK EXPLANATION--BUT, WHEN THEY SEE ME ALIVE AND KICKING, THEY'LL JUST HAVE TO BELIEVE IT!
WELL, I CAN'T PUT IT OFF ANY LONGER! HERE GOES--!
*WE PRESENTED THE TRI-ANDROID BACK IN ISH #22--OR WAS IT #21? WOULD'JA BELIEVE #23?---SCATTER-BRAINED STAN.

HELLO--IS ANYBODY HERE?
MATT! MATT --IT--IT'S YOU! IT'S REALLY YOU!
MATTHEW--YOU OLD SONUVAGUN! YOU'RE OKAY! YOU'RE BACK!

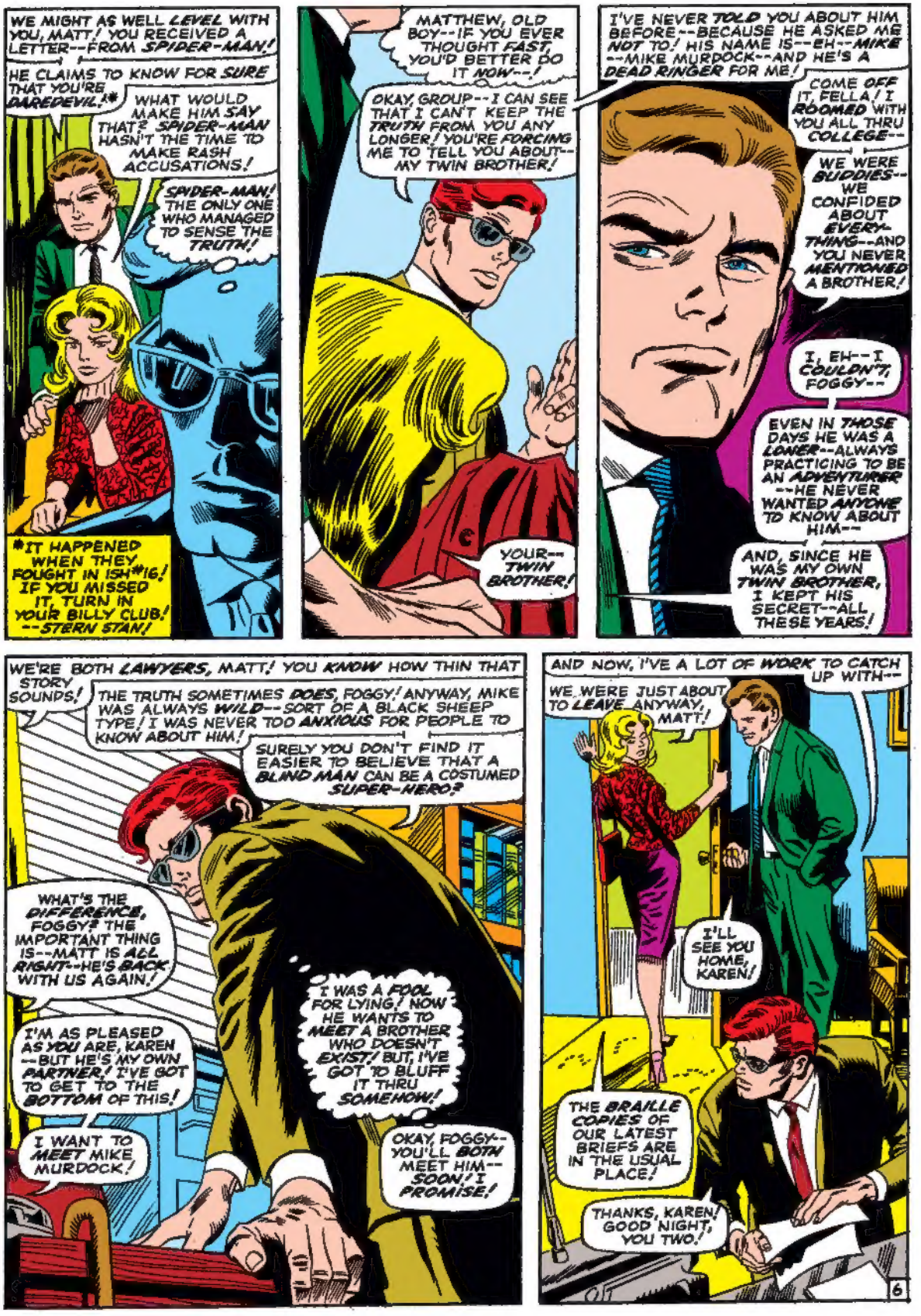
I TOLD YOU NOT TO WORRY, KAREN! BAD PENNIES AND GOOD LAWYERS ALWAYS TURN UP AGAIN!
WHERE WERE YOU, MATT? WHY DIDN'T YOU CONTACT US? WE WERE SO WORRIED!
CAN'T DELAY ANY LONGER--IT'S TIME TO GO INTO MY ACT--!
WORRIED, KAREN? ABOUT WHAT?

GOSH! I'LL BET THAT BOY DIDN'T GIVE YOU THE NOTE I LEFT FOR YOU!
BOY? NOTE? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHEN I FINALLY LEFT THE ARENA, I FELT VERY TIRED--I SUPPOSE THE STRAIN OF ALL THE EXCITEMENT FINALLY GOT TO ME! SO I LEFT A NOTE, TELLING YOU I'D BE TAKING A FEW DAYS OFF--TO REST UP AT THE SEASHORE!
I GAVE IT TO A YOUNG USHER,--BUT I SUPPOSE HE WASN'T ABLE TO FIND YOU!
IT WAS CARELESS OF ME--I SHOULD HAVE LATER PHONED, TO MAKE SURE!


"YOU SEE, AS SOON AS I REALIZED THE REAL DAREDEVIL HAD APPEARED IN THE RING, I KNEW THAT MY OWN FOOLISH DISGUISE WAS NO LONGER NEEDED--"
WOW! LOOK AT DAREDEVIL FIGHT! THAT GUY CAN'T EVEN TOUCH 'IM!
DAREDEVIL IS HERE!
NOW, IF I CAN JUST DUCK OUT OF HERE DURING THE EXCITEMENT--WITHOUT BEING NOTICED!


"LUCKILY, I WAS ABLE TO FEEL MY WAY OUT INTO THE ALLEY, WHERE I QUICKLY GOT RID OF MY BOGUS DAREDEVIL OUTFIT! THEN, THINKING YOU WOULD RECEIVE THE NOTE I LEFT YOU, I HEADED FOR THE SEASHORE--!"
WHAT A BREAK! I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF THE REAL DAREDEVIL HADN'T SHOWN UP!

I HATE TELLING A PHONY STORY LIKE THAT TO THEM--BUT, I'VE NO OTHER CHOICE!
BUT, JUDGING BY HER PULSE BEAT, KAREN IS STILL SUSPICIOUS!--WHY?
I'D LOVE TO BELIEVE YOU, MATT--BUT--
BUT WHAT, KAREN?


WE MIGHT AS WELL LEVEL WITH YOU, MATT! YOU RECEIVED A LETTER--FROM SPIDER-MAN!
HE CLAIMS TO KNOW FOR SURE THAT YOU'RE DAREDEVIL!*
WHAT WOULD MAKE HIM SAY THAT? SPIDER-MAN HASN'T THE TIME TO MAKE RASH ACCUSATIONS!
SPIDER-MAN! THE ONLY ONE WHO MANAGED TO SENSE THE TRUTH!
*IT HAPPENED WHEN THEY FOUGHT IN ISH#16! IF YOU MISSED IT, TURN IN YOUR BILLY CLUB! --STERN STAN!
MATTHEW, OLD BOY--IF YOU EVER THOUGHT FAST, YOU'D BETTER DO IT NOW--!
OKAY, GROUP--I CAN SEE THAT I CAN'T KEEP THE TRUTH FROM YOU ANY LONGER! YOU'RE FORCING ME TO TELL YOU ABOUT--MY TWIN BROTHER!
YOUR--TWIN BROTHER!
I'VE NEVER TOLD YOU ABOUT HIM BEFORE--BECAUSE HE ASKED ME NOT TO! HIS NAME IS--EH--MIKE--MIKE MURDOCK--AND HE'S A DEAD RINGER FOR ME!
COME OFF IT, FELLA! I ROOMED WITH YOU ALL THRU COLLEGE--
WE WERE BUDDIES--WE CONFIDED ABOUT EVERYTHING--AND YOU NEVER MENTIONED A BROTHER!
I, EH--I COULDN'T, FOGGY--
EVEN IN THOSE DAYS HE WAS A LONER--ALWAYS PRACTICING TO BE AN ADVENTURER--HE NEVER WANTED ANYONE TO KNOW ABOUT HIM--
AND, SINCE HE WAS MY OWN TWIN BROTHER, I KEPT HIS SECRET--ALL THESE YEARS!
WE'RE BOTH LAWYERS, MATT! YOU KNOW HOW THIN THAT STORY SOUNDS!
THE TRUTH SOMETIMES DOES, FOGGY! ANYWAY, MIKE WAS ALWAYS WILD--SORT OF A BLACK SHEEP TYPE! I WAS NEVER TOO ANXIOUS FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT HIM!
SURELY YOU DON'T FIND IT EASIER TO BELIEVE THAT A BLIND MAN CAN BE A COSTUMED SUPER-HERO?
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE, FOGGY? THE IMPORTANT THING IS--MATT IS ALL RIGHT--HE'S BACK WITH US AGAIN!
I'M AS PLEASED AS YOU ARE, KAREN--BUT HE'S MY OWN PARTNER! I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!
I WAS A FOOL FOR LYING! NOW HE WANTS TO MEET A BROTHER WHO DOESN'T EXIST! BUT, I'VE GOT TO BLUFF IT THRU SOMEHOW!
I WANT TO MEET MIKE MURDOCK!
OKAY, FOGGY--YOU'LL BOTH MEET HIM--SOON! I PROMISE!
AND NOW, I'VE A LOT OF WORK TO CATCH UP WITH--
WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE ANYWAY, MATT!
I'LL SEE YOU HOME, KAREN!
THE BRAILLE COPIES OF OUR LATEST BRIEFS ARE IN THE USUAL PLACE!
THANKS, KAREN! GOOD NIGHT, YOU TWO!
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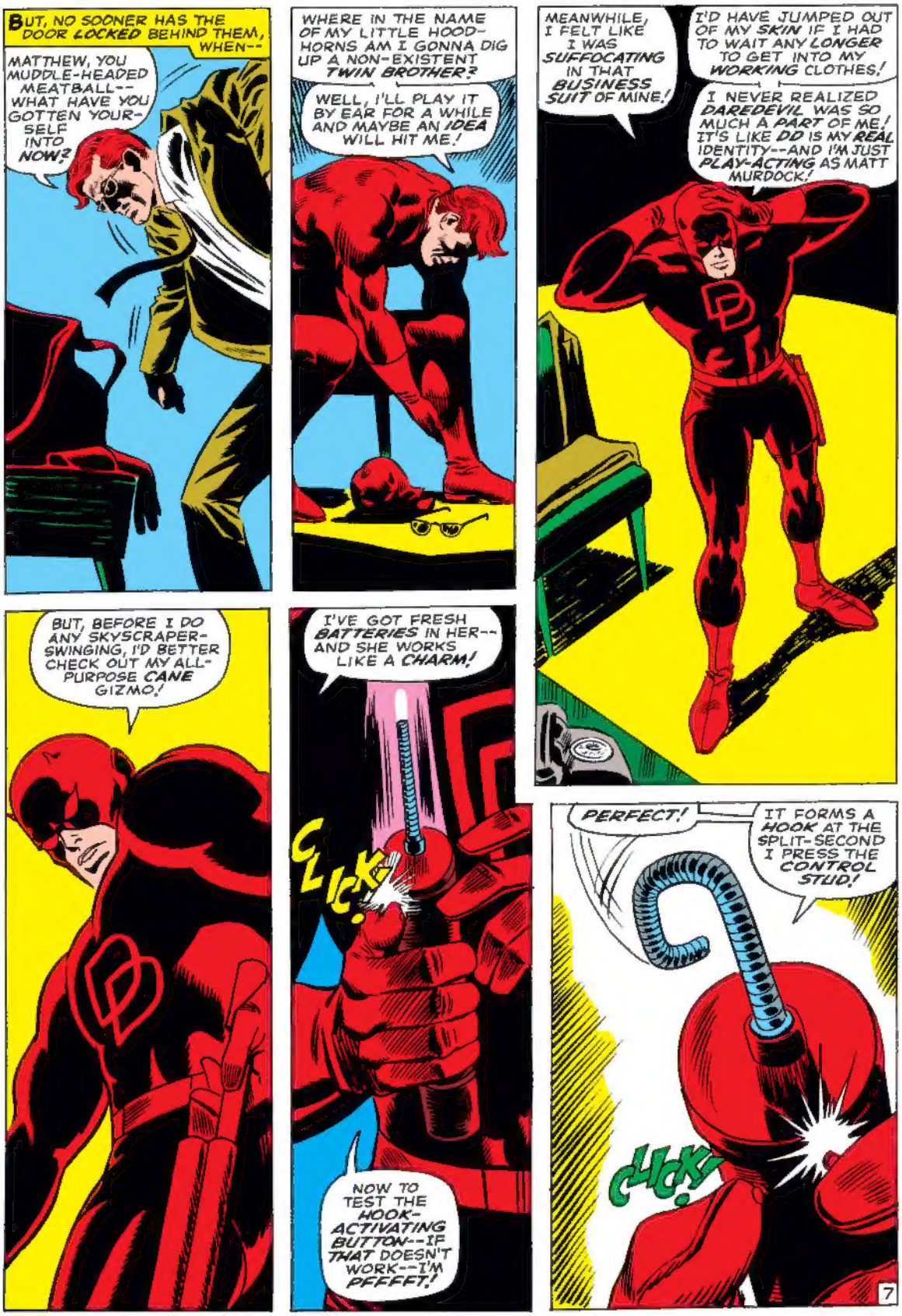

BUT, NO SOONER HAS THE DOOR LOCKED BEHIND THEM, WHEN--
MATTHEW, YOU MUDDLE-HEADED MEATBALL-- WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOURSELF INTO NOW?
WHERE IN THE NAME OF MY LITTLE HOOD-HORNS AM I GONNA DIG UP A NON-EXISTENT TWIN BROTHER?
WELL, I'LL PLAY IT BY EAR FOR A WHILE AND MAYBE AN IDEA WILL HIT ME!
MEANWHILE, I FELT LIKE I WAS SUFFOCATING IN THAT BUSINESS SUIT OF MINE!
I'D HAVE JUMPED OUT OF MY SKIN IF I HAD TO WAIT ANY LONGER TO GET INTO MY WORKING CLOTHES!
I NEVER REALIZED DAREDEVIL WAS SO MUCH A PART OF ME! IT'S LIKE DD IS MY REAL IDENTITY--AND I'M JUST PLAY-ACTING AS MATT MURDOCK!
BUT, BEFORE I DO ANY SKYSCRAPER-SWINGING, I'D BETTER CHECK OUT MY ALL-PURPOSE CANE GIZMO!
I'VE GOT FRESH BATTERIES IN HER-- AND SHE WORKS LIKE A CHARM!
CLICK!
NOW TO TEST THE HOOK-ACTIVATING BUTTON--IF THAT DOESN'T WORK--I'M PFFFFT!
PERFECT!
IT FORMS A HOOK AT THE SPLIT-SECOND I PRESS THE CONTROL STUD!
CLICK!

NOW, SO LONG AS I HOLD MY FINGER DOWN ON THE RELEASE BUTTON, THE FLEXIBLE CABLE SNAPS OUT TO ITS FULL LENGTH WITH THE FLICK OF MY WRIST... AND I'M IN BUSINESS!
THWIPT!

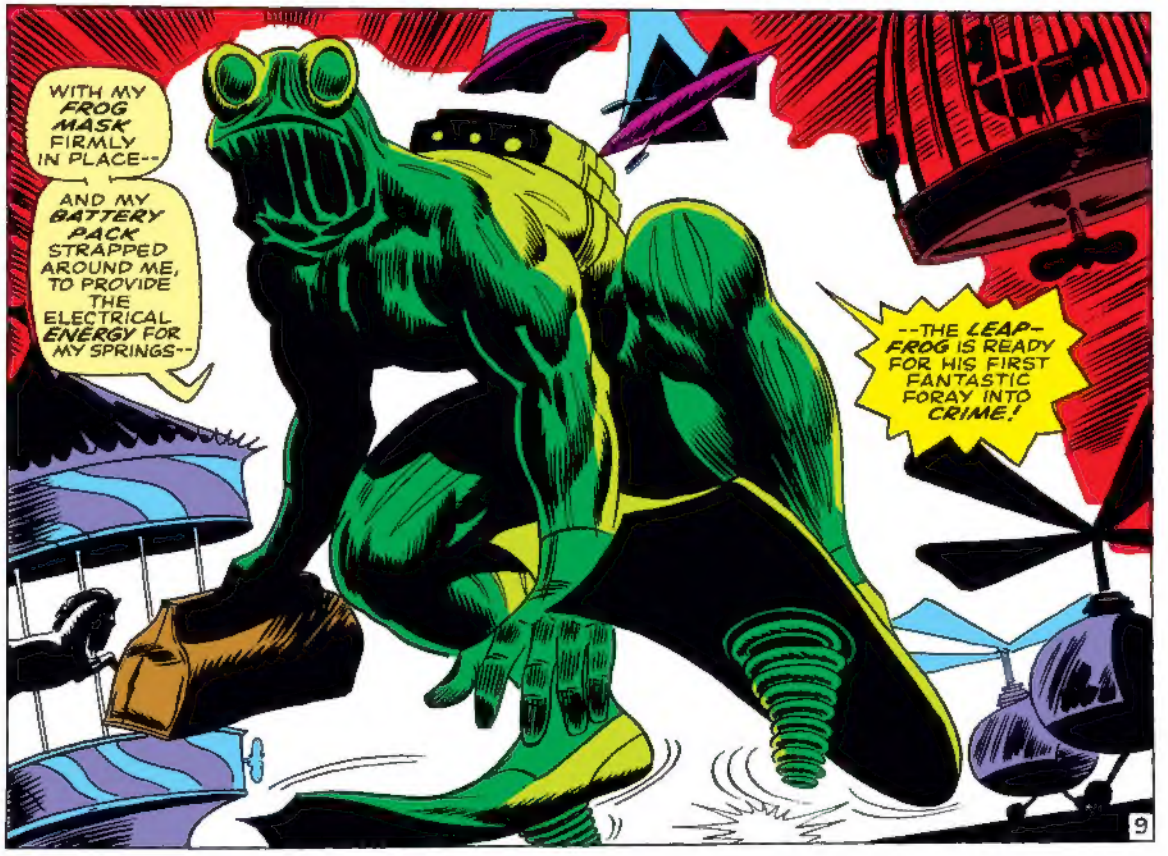
THAT'S IT! IF IT WORKED ANY BETTER, I'D HAVE TO FEED IT!
FUNNY-- ITS OPERATION IS SIMPLICITY ITSELF, AND YET NOBODY'S EVER BEEN ABLE TO GUESS ITS SECRET!
FTAK!
IT'S JUST LIKE I'VE ALWAYS CLAIMED-- THE SIMPLEST THINGS ARE USUALLY THE BEST!
--AND THERE ARE FEWER PARTS TO GET OUT OF ORDER!

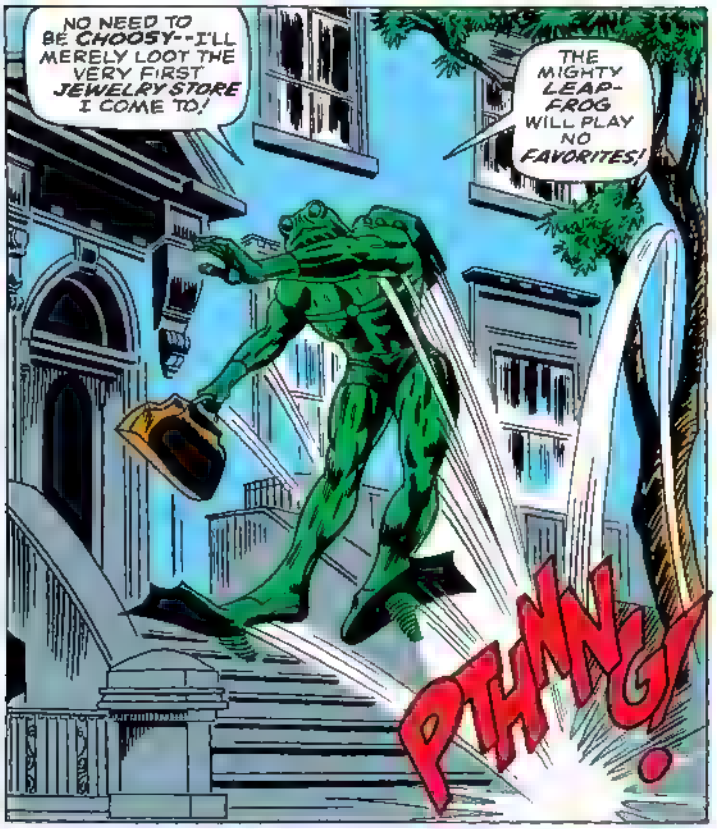
BUT, I'VE BEEN SO WRAPPED-UP IN MY OWN LITTLE PROBLEMS, THAT I ALMOST FORGOT--
I WANT TO LEARN MORE--LOTS MORE-- ABOUT THAT LEAP-FROG CHARACTER!
MAYBE THERE'LL BE SOME MENTION OF HIM ON THE LATE NEWS SPECIAL--HE SURE SEEMED LIKE A DOOZY!
CLICK!
I WONDER HOW I'D FIGHT A SWINGER WHO CAN LEAP LIKE THAT!

AND, AT THAT MOMENT, IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN--
NOW I'M READY FOR THE BIG TIME!
BEFORE I'M THRU, THE LEAP-FROG WILL BE THE MOST FAMOUS NAME IN THE ANNALS OF CRIME!

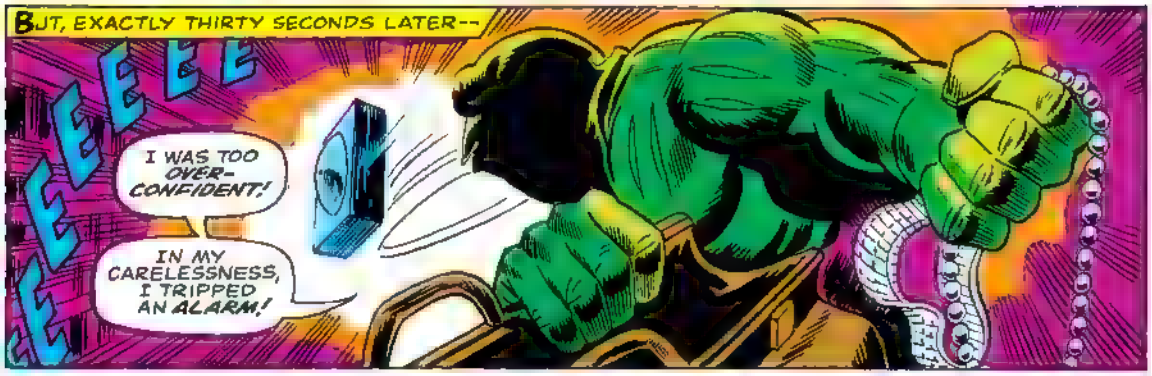
ALL MY LIFE I'VE INVENTED NOVELTY ITEMS FOR TOY COMPANIES! BUT FINALLY, I DECIDED TO INVENT SOMETHING FOR MYSELF --SOMETHING TO MAKE ME INVINCIBLE --LIKE MY SUPER-SPRINGS!
BUT, A MASTER CRIMINAL WITH A POWER LIKE MINE NEEDS A COSTUME-- SOMETHING WORTHY OF HIS TALENTS!

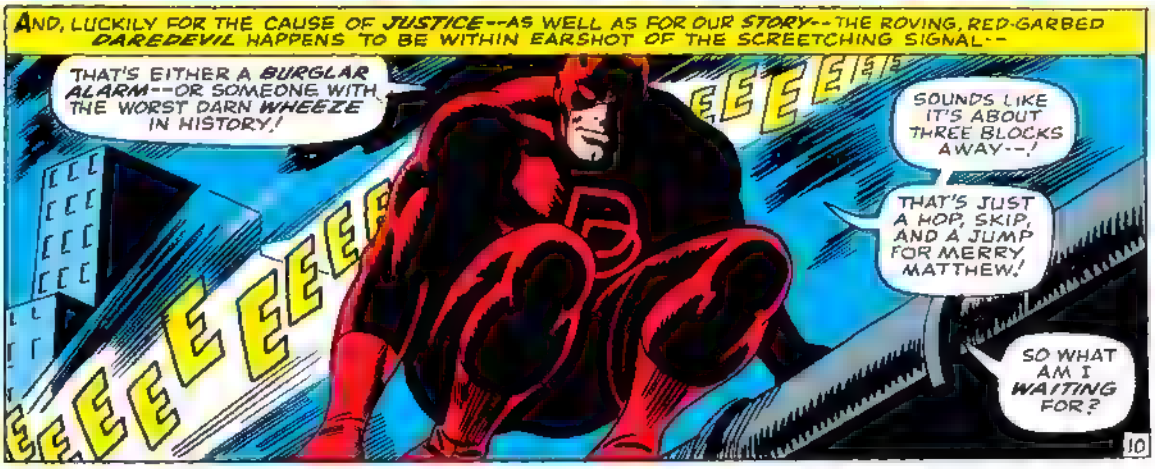
I'VE WORKED ON THIS FOR WEEKS--KEEPING IT HIDDEN UNTIL THE TIME WAS RIPE--UNTIL I HAD SUCCESSFULLY TESTED MY POWERS!
AND NOW I KNOW THAT I HAVE SUCCEEDED BEYOND MY WILDEST DREAMS!
SO, THERE IS NO REASON FOR FURTHER DELAY--!

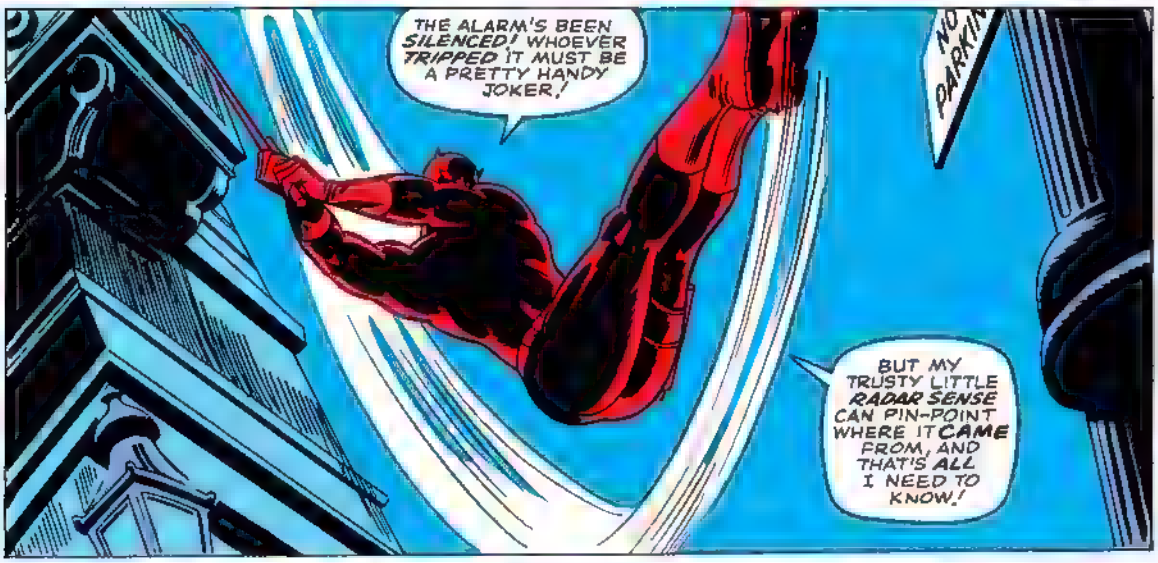

WITH MY FROG MASK FIRMLY IN PLACE--
AND MY BATTERY PACK STRAPPED AROUND ME, TO PROVIDE THE ELECTRICAL ENERGY FOR MY SPRINGS--
--THE LEAP-FROG IS READY FOR HIS FIRST FANTASTIC FORAY INTO CRIME!

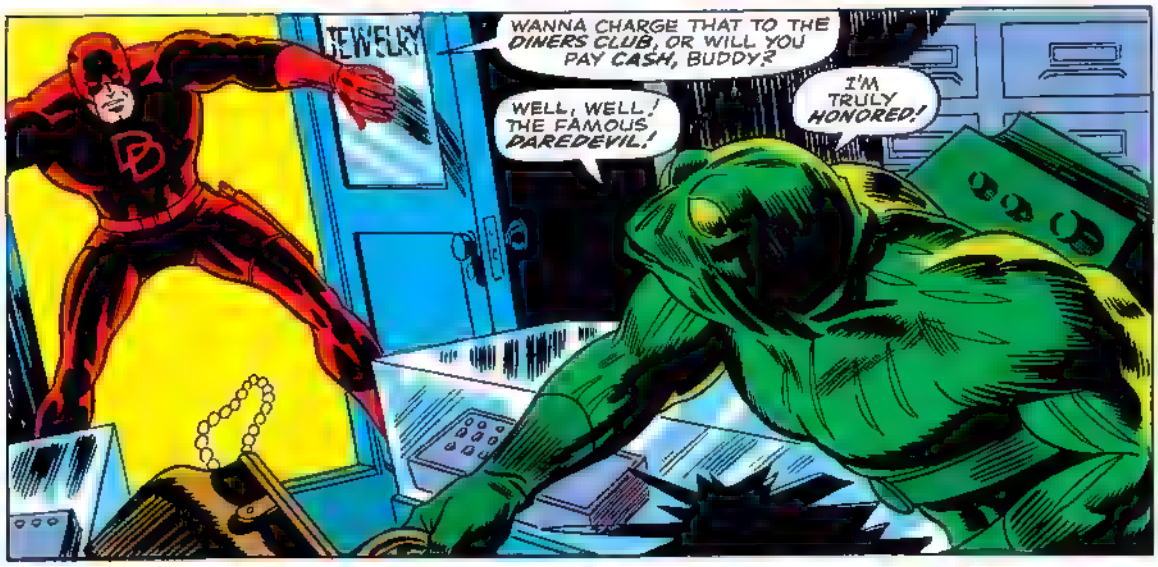

NO NEED TO BE CHOOSY--I'LL MERELY LOOT THE VERY FIRST JEWELRY STORE I COME TO!
THE MIGHTY LEAP-FROG WILL PLAY NO FAVORITES!
PTHNNG!

A LOCKED DOOR PRESENTS NO PROBLEM TO ONE WITH MY TALENTS!
NOW, ALL I NEED DO IS LEARN WHERE THE MOST PRECIOUS GEMS ARE STORED--WAITING PATIENTLY FOR ME!


BUT, EXACTLY THIRTY SECONDS LATER--
I WAS TOO OVER-CONFIDENT!
IN MY CARELESSNESS, I TRIPPED AN ALARM!


AND, LUCKILY FOR THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE--AS WELL AS FOR OUR STORY--THE ROVING, RED-GARBED DAREDEVIL HAPPENS TO BE WITHIN EARSHOT OF THE SCREETCHING SIGNAL--
THAT'S EITHER A BURGLAR ALARM--OR SOMEONE WITH THE WORST DARN WHEEZE IN HISTORY!
SOUNDS LIKE IT'S ABOUT THREE BLOCKS AWAY--!
THAT'S JUST A HOP, SKIP, AND A JUMP FOR MERRY MATTHEW!
SO WHAT AM I WAITING FOR?

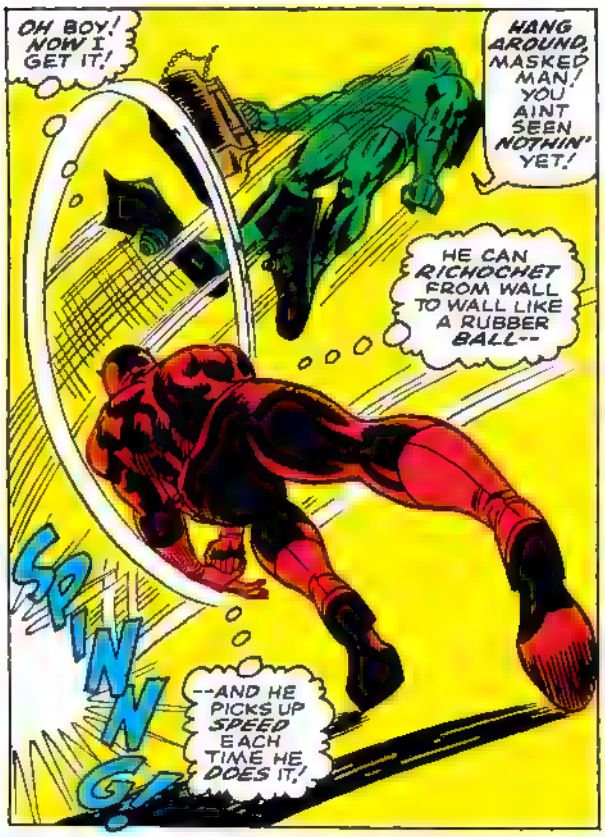

THE ALARM'S BEEN SILENCED! WHOEVER TRIPPED IT MUST BE A PRETTY HANDY JOKER!
NO PARKIN
BUT MY TRUSTY LITTLE RADAR SENSE CAN PIN-POINT WHERE IT CAME FROM, AND THAT'S ALL I NEED TO KNOW!


JEWELRY
WANNA CHARGE THAT TO THE DINERS CLUB, OR WILL YOU PAY CASH, BUDDY?
WELL, WELL! THE FAMOUS DAREDEVIL!
I'M TRULY HONORED!

BUT, SURELY YOU DON'T EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO CATCH--THE LEAP-FROG?
I'M IN LUCK! IT'S THE CLOWN FROM THE AIRPORT!
LEAPING

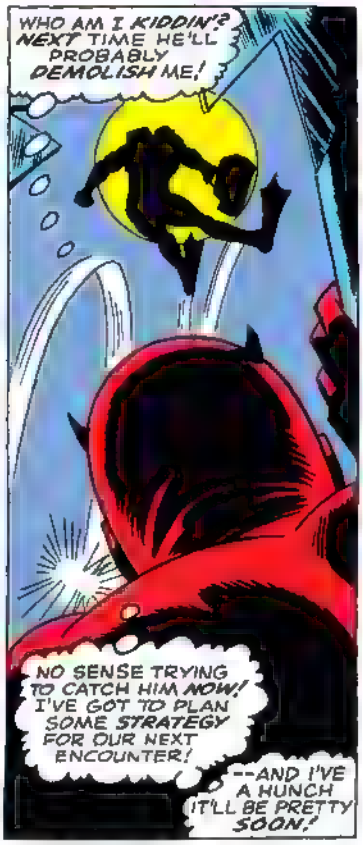
OR, MAYBE I'M NOT SO LUCKY!
I NEVER FOUGHT ANYONE WHO COULD MOVE SO FAST BEFORE!

YOU RED-SUITED FOOL! DON'T YOU REALIZE YET THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH THE IMPOSSIBLE?
THE STEEL SPRINGS COILED AT MY FEET MAKE ME A DOZEN TIMES FASTER--MORE AGILE THAN YOU CAN EVER HOPE TO BE!
AND YOU STILL HAVEN'T YET SEEN ME EXERCISE MY GREATEST TALENT--!
YOU MEAN THERE'S MORE?
I CAN HARDLY WAIT!
HE'S SO CONFIDENT THAT HE HASN'T EVEN TRIED TO STRIKE BACK AT ME! HE DOESN'T EVEN SEEM TO CONSIDER ME A THREAT TO HIM!
BTYANG!
I WONDER WHAT NEW LITTLE GOODIES HE HAS UP HIS SLEEVE?

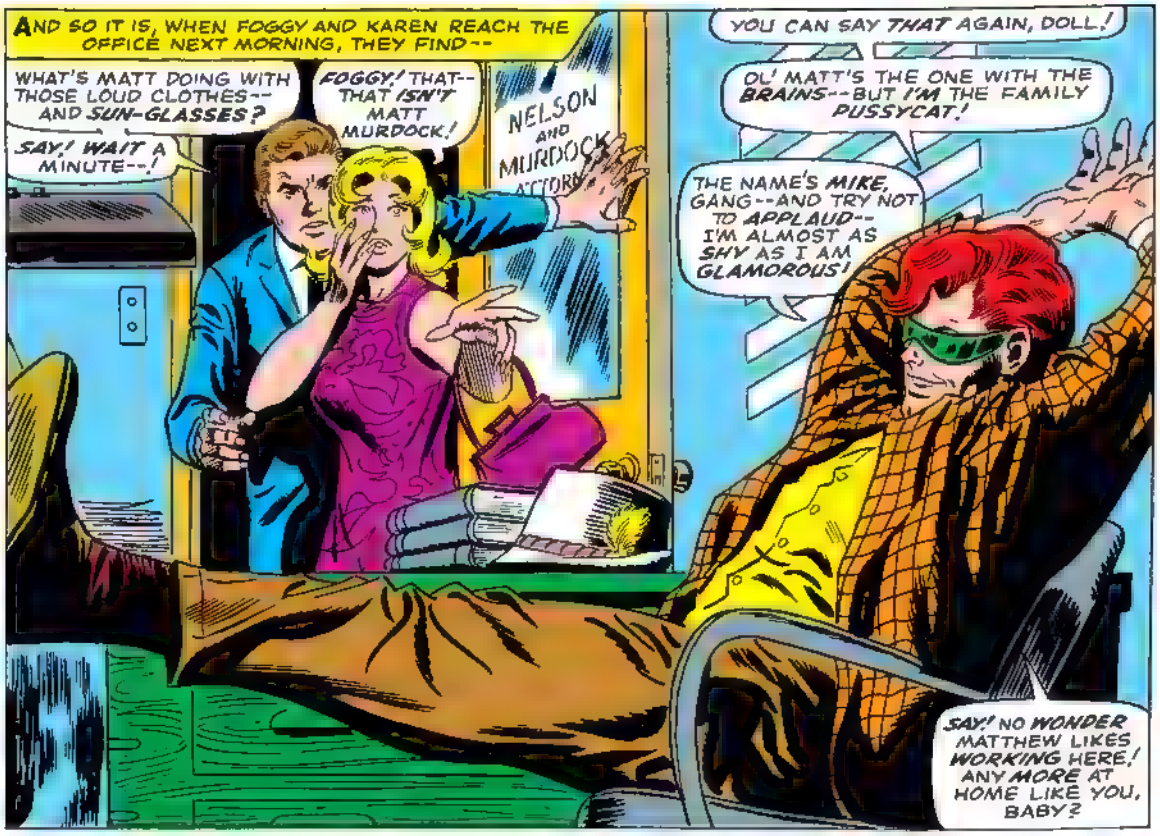

OH BOY! NOW I GET IT!
HANG AROUND, MASKED MAN! YOU AINT SEEN NOTHIN' YET!
HE CAN RICHOCHET FROM WALL TO WALL LIKE A RUBBER BALL--
SPINNNG!
--AND HE PICKS UP SPEED EACH TIME HE DOES IT!

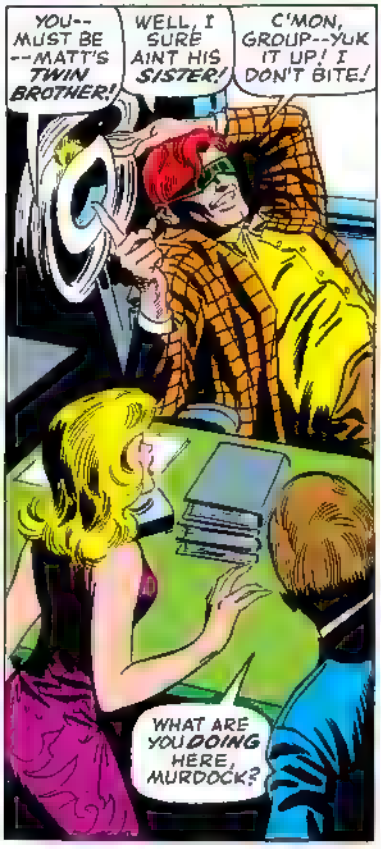
CAN'T KEEP UP WITH HIM! THOSE SPRINGS OF HIS HAVE HIM ZOOMING LIKE A ROCKET!
HE'S JUST SHOWING OFF NOW! HE KNOWS I HAVEN'T A CHANCE OF GRABBING HIM!

THAT DOES IT! HE MADE HIS GETAWAY--AS CLEAN AS A WHISTLE!
HOW DOES IT FEEL, DARE-DEVIL--TO BE HOPELESSLY OUTCLASSED?
YOU CAN TELL ME FROGGY--NEXT TIME WE MEET!


WHO AM I KIDDIN'? NEXT TIME HE'LL PROBABLY DEMOLISH ME!
NO SENSE TRYING TO CATCH HIM NOW! I'VE GOT TO PLAN SOME STRATEGY FOR OUR NEXT ENCOUNTER!
--AND I'VE A HUNCH IT'LL BE PRETTY SOON!

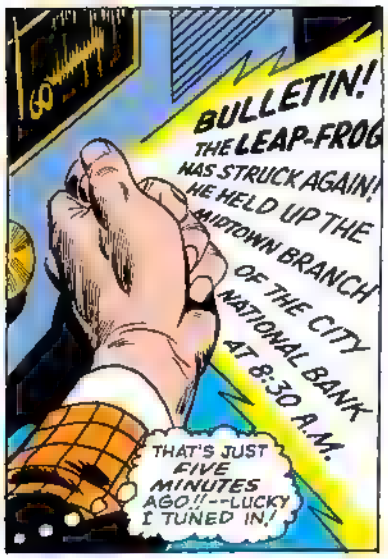
AND, AS IF THINGS AREN'T BAD ENOUGH, I JUST REMEMBERED--
I STILL HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO CONVINCE FOGGY AND KAREN THAT MATT MURDOCK HAS A TWIN BROTHER--
.. WHO JUST HAPPENS TO BE... ME!

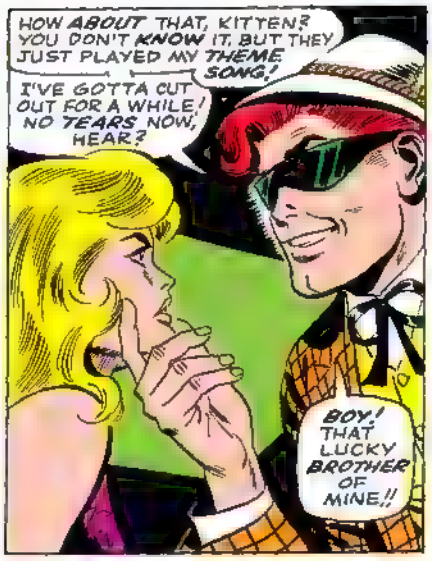

AND SO IT IS, WHEN FOGGY AND KAREN REACH THE OFFICE NEXT MORNING, THEY FIND--
WHAT'S MATT DOING WITH THOSE LOUD CLOTHES-- AND SUN-GLASSES?
SAY! WAIT A MINUTE--!
FOGGY! THAT-- THAT ISN'T MATT MURDOCK!
NELSON AND MURDOCK
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, DOLL!
OL' MATT'S THE ONE WITH THE BRAINS--BUT I'M THE FAMILY PUSSYCAT!
THE NAME'S MIKE, GANG--AND TRY NOT TO APPLAUD-- I'M ALMOST AS SHY AS I AM GLAMOROUS!
SAY! NO WONDER MATTHEW LIKES WORKING HERE! ANY MORE AT HOME LIKE YOU, BABY?

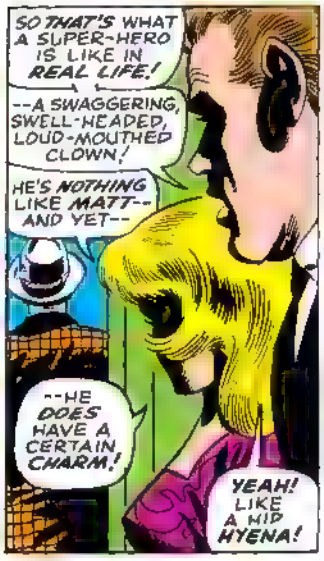

YOU-- MUST BE --MATT'S TWIN BROTHER!
WELL, I SURE AINT HIS SISTER!
C'MON, GROUP--YUK IT UP! I DON'T BITE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, MURDOCK?

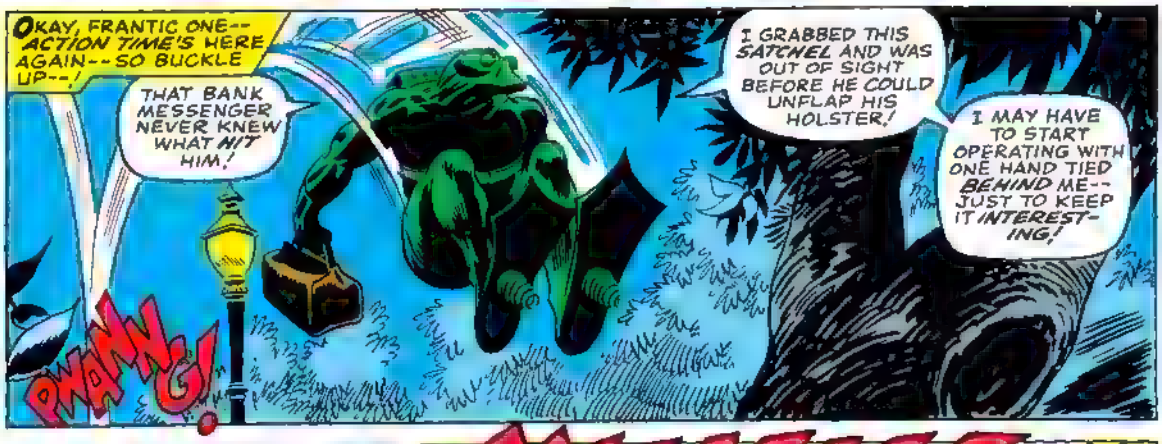
AWW, DON'T BE FORMAL, PUDGY! YOU CAN CALL ME MISTER MURDOCK!
OL' MATTHEW SAID YOU WANTED TO SEE ME-- SO FEAST YOUR EYES, KIDDIES!
HEARD ANY GOOD STORIES, LATELY?
HOW'S ABOUT SOME BAD ONES?

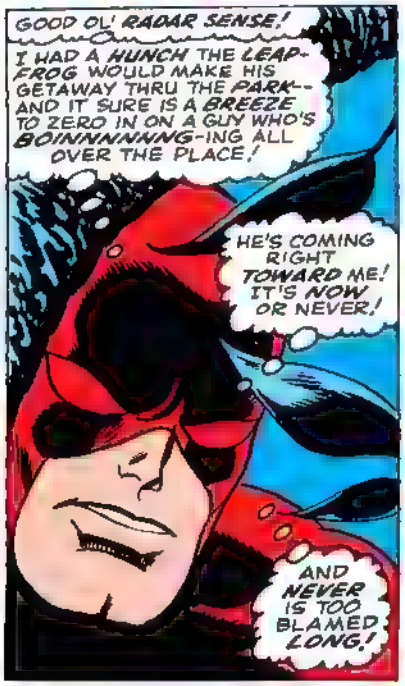
YOU'RE JUST A BUNDLE'A PERSONALITY, EH, TUBBY?
HOW'S ABOUT A LITTLE ROCK 'N ROLL WHILE YOU'RE KEEPIN' US IN STITCHES, DAD?
FOGGY! THIS MEANS--MATT WAS TELLING US THE TRUTH!
CLICK
YOU KNOW IT, CHICK! YOU DON'T CATCH OL' "TWINNY" TALKIN' WITH A FORKED TONGUE!
HE'S A REGULAR TONTO!


BULLETIN! THE LEAP-FROG HAS STRUCK AGAIN! HE HELD UP THE MIDTOWN BRANCH OF THE CITY NATIONAL BANK AT 8:30 A.M.
THAT'S JUST FIVE MINUTES AGO!!--LUCKY I TUNED IN!

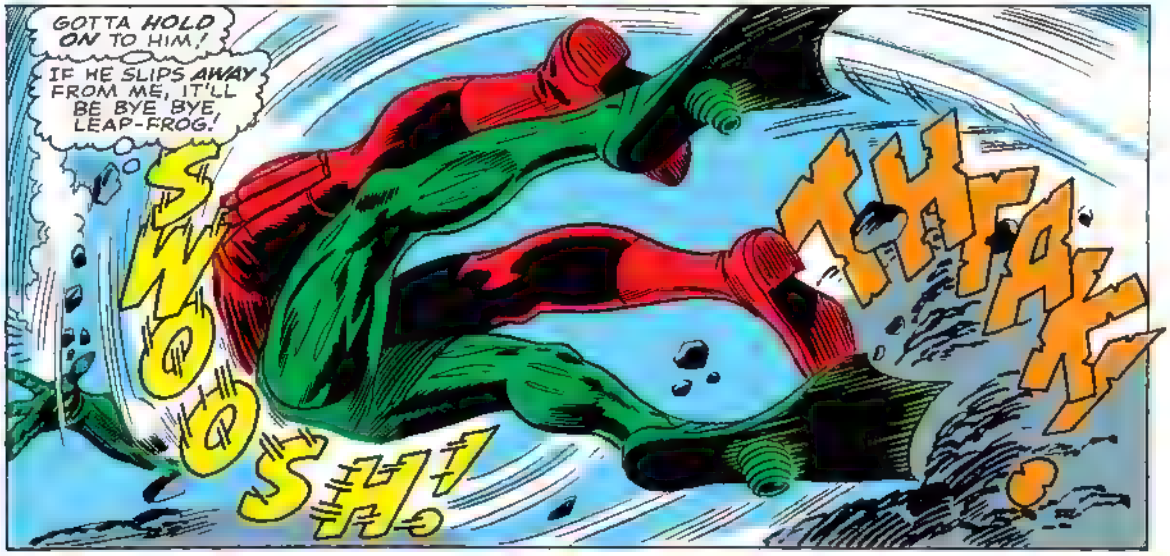

HOW ABOUT THAT, KITTEN? YOU DON'T KNOW IT, BUT THEY JUST PLAYED MY THEME SONG!
I'VE GOTTA CUT OUT FOR A WHILE! NO TEARS NOW, HEAR?
BOY! THAT LUCKY BROTHER OF MINE!!


SO THAT'S WHAT A SUPER-HERO IS LIKE IN REAL LIFE!
--A SWAGGERING, SWELL-HEADED, LOUD-MOUTHED CLOWN!
HE'S NOTHING LIKE MATT-- AND YET--
--HE DOES HAVE A CERTAIN CHARM!
YEAH! LIKE A MIP HYENA!


OKAY, FRANTIC ONE-- ACTION TIME'S HERE AGAIN--SO BUCKLE UP--!
THAT BANK MESSENGER NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT HIM!
I GRABBED THIS SATCHEL AND WAS OUT OF SIGHT BEFORE HE COULD UNFLAP HIS HOLSTER!
I MAY HAVE TO START OPERATING WITH ONE HAND TIED BEHIND ME-- JUST TO KEEP IT INTEREST-ING!
PWANNG!


GOOD OL' RADAR SENSE!
I HAD A HUNCH THE LEAP-FROG WOULD MAKE HIS GETAWAY THRU THE PARK-- AND IT SURE IS A BREEZE TO ZERO IN ON A GUY WHO'S BOINNNNNNG-ING ALL OVER THE PLACE!
HE'S COMING RIGHT TOWARD ME! IT'S NOW OR NEVER!
AND NEVER IS TOO BLAMED LONG!

FTHUMM!
YOU!!
GLAD I BUMPED INTO YOU, FROGGY!
YOU DIDN'T SAY "MAY I?" WHEN YOU TOOK THAT GIANT STEP!


GOTTA HOLD ON TO HIM!
IF HE SLIPS AWAY FROM ME, IT'LL BE BYE BYE LEAP-FROG!
SKIP
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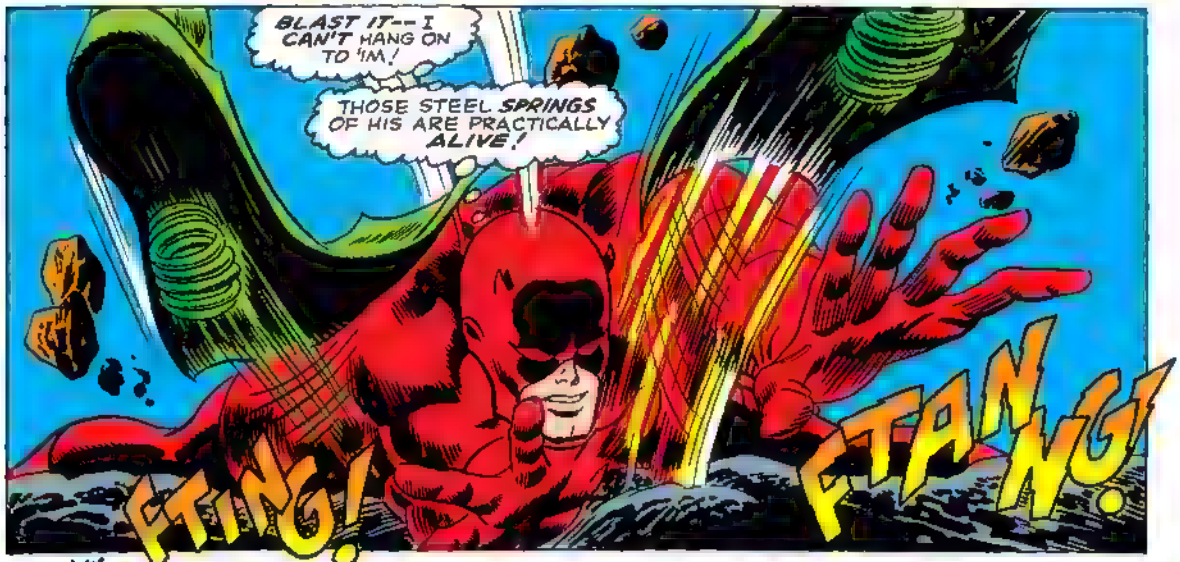
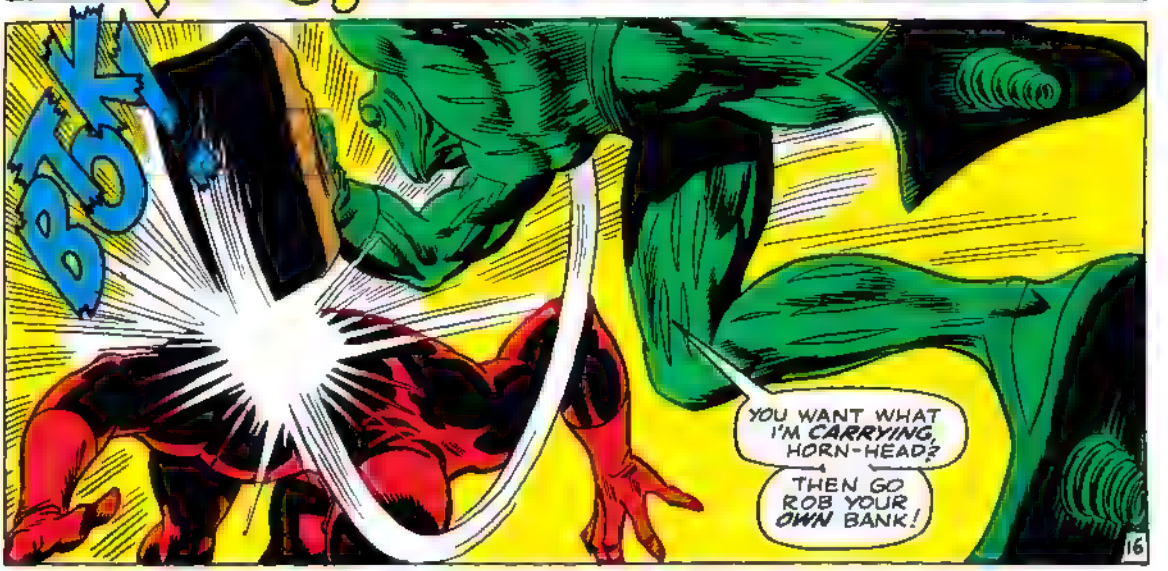
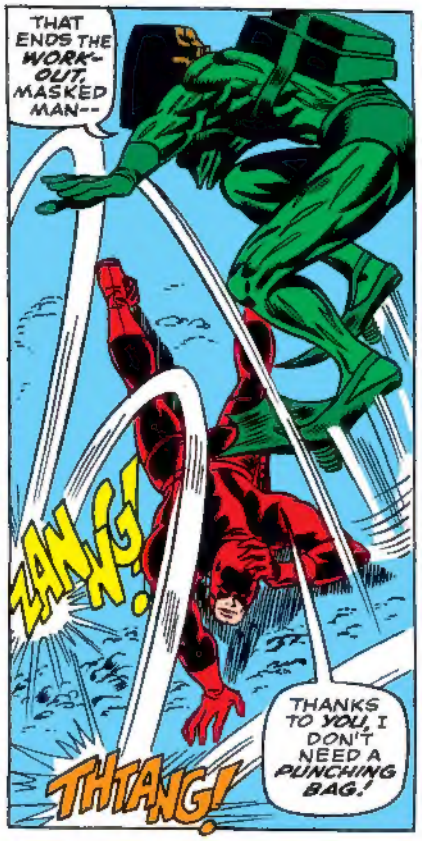
THRAK!


BLAST IT-- I CAN'T HANG ON TO 'IM!
THOSE STEEL SPRINGS OF HIS ARE PRACTICALLY ALIVE!
FTING!
FTANG!

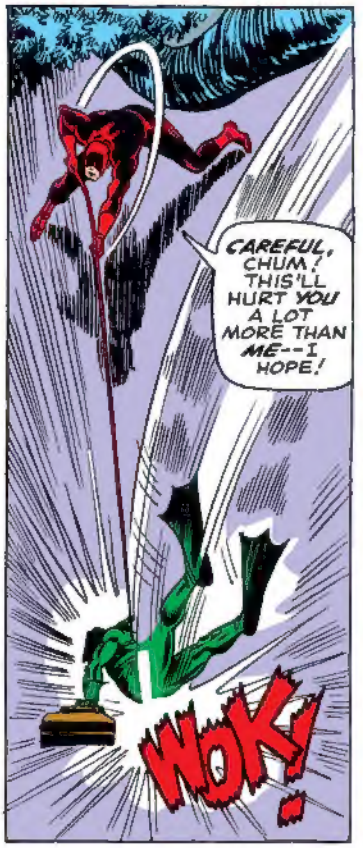

BCK
YOU WANT WHAT I'M CARRYING, HORN-HEAD?
THEN GO ROB YOUR OWN BANK!

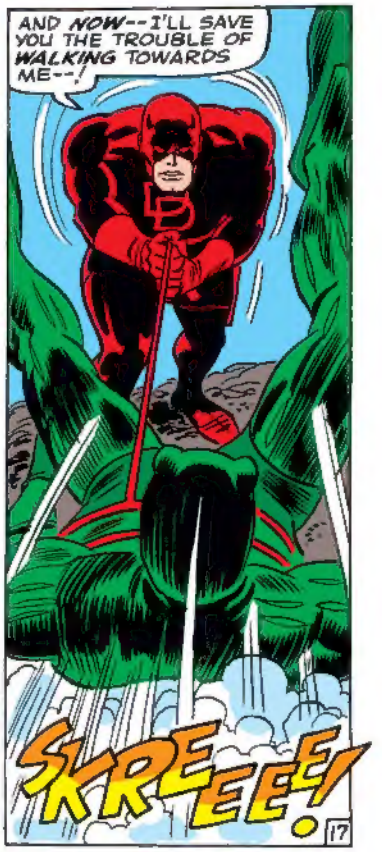

THAT ENDS THE WORK-OUT, MASKED MAN--
ZANG!
THANKS TO YOU, I DON'T NEED A PUNCHING BAG!
THANG!

HE--GOT AWAY--FROM ME--AGAIN!
--OR, DID HE--?

THERE'S STILL TIME TO UNCOIL MY CANE CABLE--AND SNAP IT AROUND IN A GIANT CIRCLE--!
IF I'M LUCKY, I JUST MAY SNARE-SOME-THING!

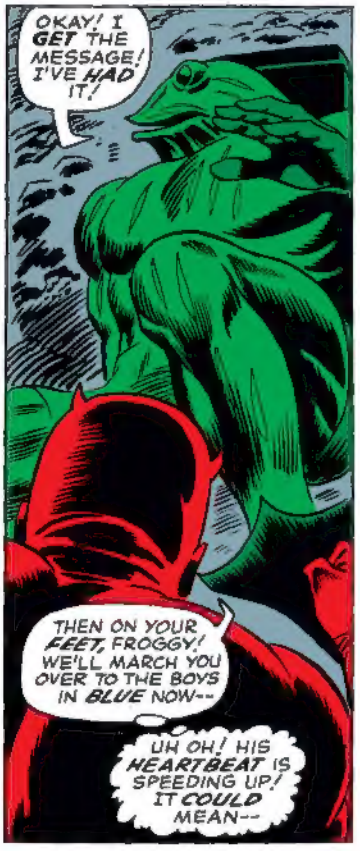
UHH!
THWUPP!
WELL, WADDAYA KNOW? I'M BACK IN THE MONEY, AGAIN!

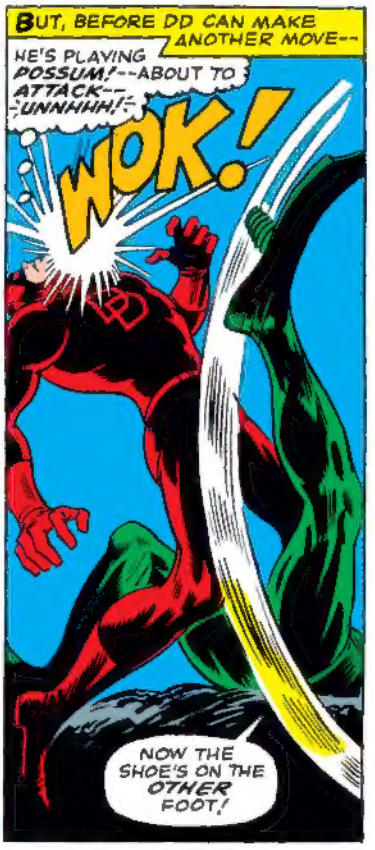

CAREFUL, CHUM! THIS'LL HURT YOU A LOT MORE THAN ME--I HOPE!
WOK!


AND NOW--I'LL SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE OF WALKING TOWARDS ME--!
SKREEEE!

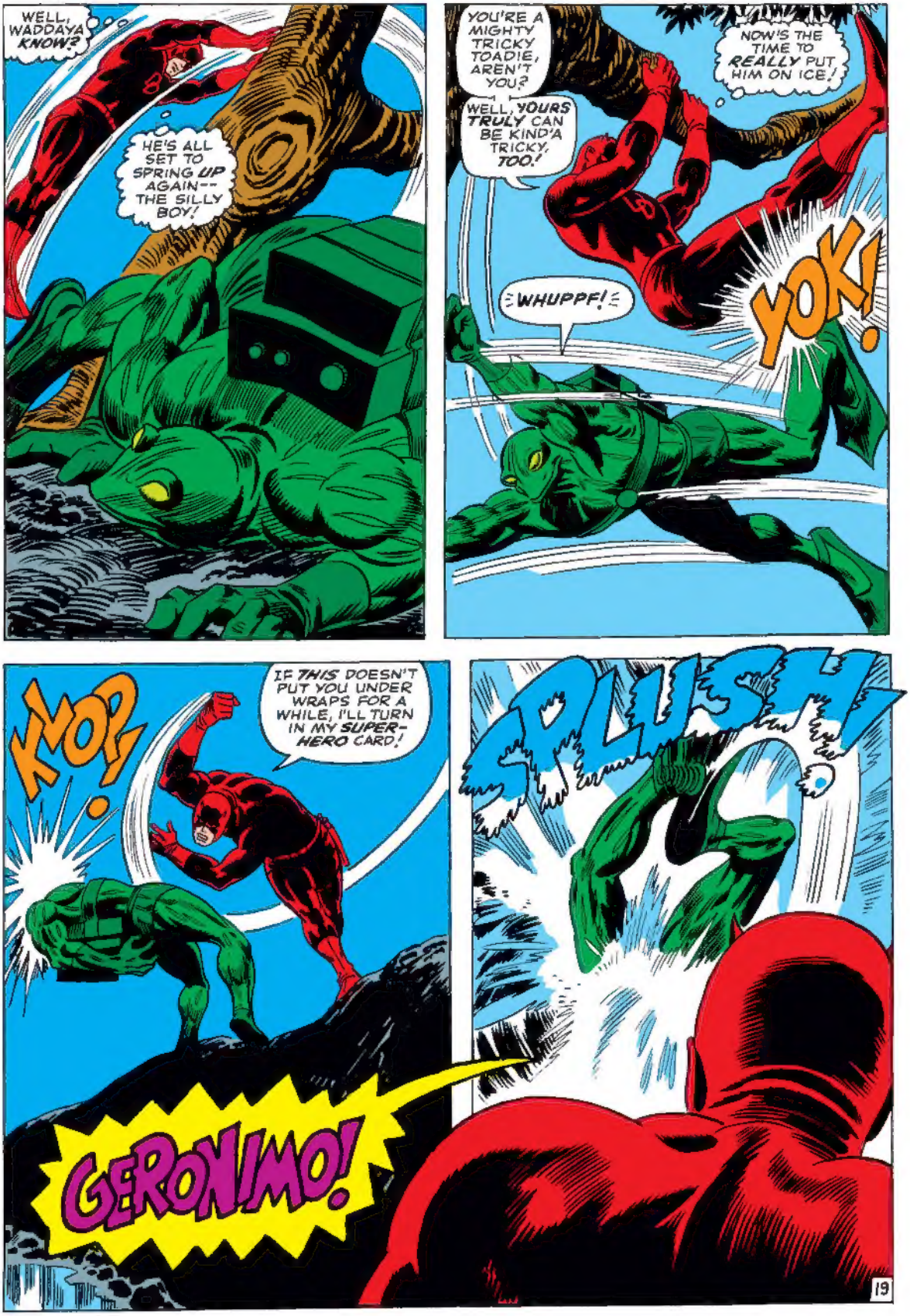
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF WEIRD POWERS OR STUNTS I'M UP AGAINST, NOTHING EVER BEATS A SOLID PUNCH IN THE KISSER!
SOMEHOW, IT'S SO CLEAN--SO CLEAR-CUT--SO SINCERE!
AND, BEST OF ALL--IT'S AS AMERICAN AS MOM'S APPLE PIE!
WHOK!
STAY STILL WHEN I'M TRYING TO RELATE TO YOU! YOU'RE LOSING THE MESSAGE --MISSING THE POETRY OF IT ALL!

EVEN THOUGH I'M KNOCKING MYSELF OUT TO PUT AN END TO YOUR CAPRICIOUS LITTLE CRIME CAREER, WE DON'T WANT IT TO BE A TOTAL LOSS FOR YOU--
AT LEAST YOU CAN NURTURE YOUR SOUL WITH SOME PUNGENT PHILOSOPHY WHILE YOU'RE TAKING YOUR WHACKS!
HEY! PAY ATTENTION! THERE MAY BE A QUIZ LATER!
BOP!

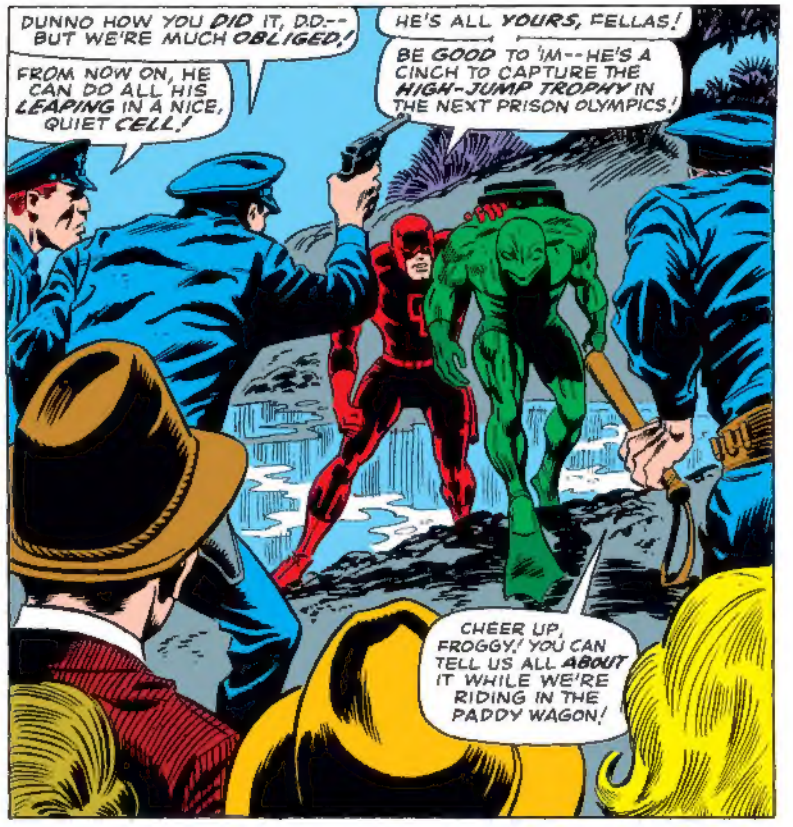

OKAY! I GET THE MESSAGE! I'VE HAD IT!
THEN ON YOUR FEET, FROGGY! WE'LL MARCH YOU OVER TO THE BOYS IN BLUE NOW--
UH OH! HIS HEARTBEAT IS SPEEDING UP! IT COULD MEAN--

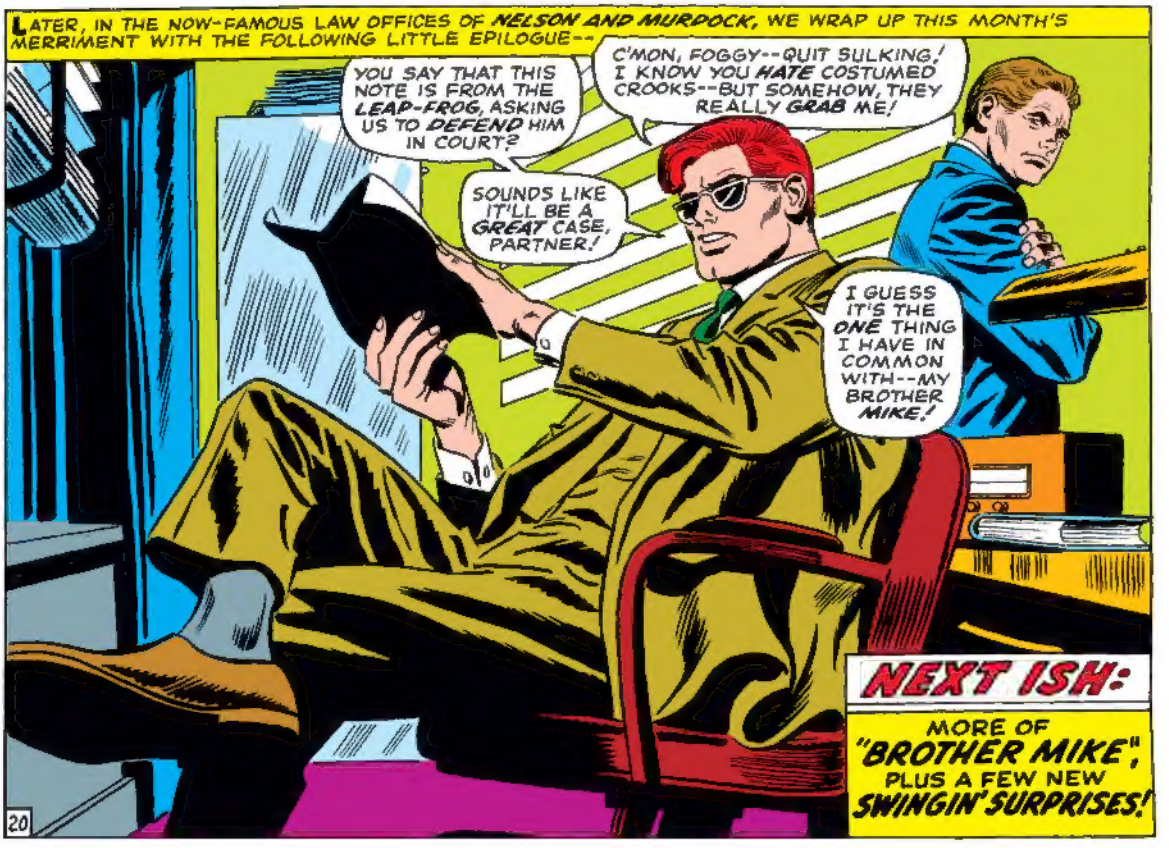

BUT, BEFORE DD CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE--
HE'S PLAYING POSSUM!--ABOUT TO ATTACK--
-UNNHHH!-
WOK!
NOW THE SHOE'S ON THE OTHER FOOT!

YOU SHOULD'A LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE, CHUCKLES!
IT'S LUCKY MY RADAR SENSE GAVE ME A SPLIT-SECOND TO ROLL WITH HIS KICK!
HAVE TO KEEP POUNDING HIM! CAN'T LET HIM HOP AWAY!


WELL, WADDAYA KNOW?
HE'S ALL SET TO SPRING UP AGAIN-- THE SILLY BOY!
YOU'RE A MIGHTY TRICKY TOADIE, AREN'T YOU?
WELL, YOURS TRULY CAN BE KIND'A TRICKY, TOO!
NOW'S THE TIME TO REALLY PUT HIM ON ICE!
WHUPPF!
YOK!
KYOP!
IF THIS DOESN'T PUT YOU UNDER WRAPS FOR A WHILE, I'LL TURN IN MY SUPER-HERO CARD!
GERONIMO!
SPLUSH!

THEN, A FEW, FLEET SECONDS LATER--
LOOK! HE GOT 'IM!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!
HE SURE KNOCKED ALL THE FIGHT OUT OF HIM!


DUNNO HOW YOU DID IT, DD.-- BUT WE'RE MUCH OBLIGED!
FROM NOW ON, HE CAN DO ALL HIS LEAPING IN A NICE, QUIET CELL!
HE'S ALL YOURS, FELLAS!
BE GOOD TO 'IM--HE'S A CINCH TO CAPTURE THE HIGH-JUMP TROPHY IN THE NEXT PRISON OLYMPICS!
CHEER UP, FROGGY! YOU CAN TELL US ALL ABOUT IT WHILE WE'RE RIDING IN THE PADDY WAGON!


LATER, IN THE NOW-FAMOUS LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK, WE WRAP UP THIS MONTH'S MERRIMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING LITTLE EPILOGUE--
YOU SAY THAT THIS NOTE IS FROM THE LEAP-FROG, ASKING US TO DEFEND HIM IN COURT?
C'MON, FOGGY--QUIT SULKING! I KNOW YOU HATE COSTUMED CROOKS--BUT SOMEHOW, THEY REALLY GRAB ME!
SOUNDS LIKE IT'LL BE A GREAT CASE, PARTNER!
I GUESS IT'S THE ONE THING I HAVE IN COMMON WITH--MY BROTHER MIKE!
NEXT ISH:
MORE OF "BROTHER MIKE", PLUS A FEW NEW SWINGIN' SURPRISES!